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BY THE NUMBERS — ORGANIZATION AT A GLANCE		
Level	Team	Record
MLB	New York Yankees	44-68 (.393) — 5th, AL East, 20.0 GB
AAA	Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders	48-58
AA	Somerset Patriots	51-46
High-A	Hudson Valley Renegades	33-63
Low-A	Tampa Tarpons	48-49
FCL	FCL Yankees	27-25
DSL	DSL Yankees / DSL Bombers	12-37 / 27-22

Hot Corner: A Bat Wakes Up in the Bronx

If July's record won't be framed in the Bronx, one swing will: Austin Wells hit .373 with a .725 slugging mark, five home runs and 20 RBIs in just 59 plate appearances, the loudest month any Yankee bat produced all season. Jazz Chisholm Jr. (.306/.531, 5 HR, 15 RBI, 3 SB) and Cody Bellinger (.280/.450, 4 HR, 12 RBI) kept the lineup respectable even as the record slid, and Aaron Judge did what Aaron Judge does — six home runs and a .482 slugging mark despite a quieter .235 average, still the most dangerous bat on the roster on both sides of the ball. Anthony Volpe chipped in five homers and five steals, and Jasson Dominguez, back briefly before landing on the injured list again, hit .306 in a 41-plate-appearance cameo.

Rotation in Freefall

The stat line tells the story the standings already have: Max Fried posted an 8.10 ERA over six July starts (0-3), Cam Schlichter was worse at 8.62 (0-5) despite 22 strikeouts, and Elmer Rodriguez struggled to a 6.95 mark in five starts. Gerrit Cole's return from his hamstring injury was a disaster on paper — a 15.00 ERA over three starts — though it's fair to read that as a rusty ramp-up more than a trend. The bullpen offered no shelter: David Bednar posted a 14.40 ERA in July even while notching two more saves, and Brent Headrick was hit hard in his own right (13.50 ERA). Will Warren was the rare bright spot, working to a 1.12 ERA across two appearances. With a roster already down several key arms, July was as much about mounting innings as competing for outs.

Injuries: Some Back, More Still Out

The month brought a mix of returns and continued absences. Clarke Schmidt made it back from his Tommy John rehab and logged five innings in his first start back. Trent Grisham and Ben Rice both returned from rehab assignments and were active by month's end — Rice in particular has hit the ground running (.360/.640 in a small July sample) — while Jace Avina was optioned to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre to clear the roster spot. On the other side of the ledger, Jasson Dominguez, Giancarlo Stanton, Gerrit Cole and Carlos Rodón are all still working their way back, with Rodón's 60-day IL stint the

most concerning of the group given his 7.12 ERA before landing there.

Down on the Farm: Draft Class Making Noise

The 2026 draft class is already paying dividends. Third baseman Trent Caraway has been a wrecking ball at Low-A Tampa — .260 with a .608 slugging mark, 27 home runs and 74 RBI across 418 plate appearances, the kind of raw power that jumps off a farm system report. Shortstop Kolby Branch has more than held his own alongside him in the same Tampa lineup, hitting .283/.566 with 17 home runs, 56 RBI and 11 steals. And on the mound, right-hander Pablo Torres has emerged as a power arm at High-A Hudson Valley, striking out 90 batters in 53 innings to a 3.23 ERA. All three are exactly the kind of building blocks a rebuilding year is supposed to produce.

What's Ahead: A Deadline Built for Selling

With the trade deadline two days out and the club 20 games back in the AL East, the front office's focus is squarely on subtraction — identifying which of the roster's older, pricier pieces can be turned into younger, cheaper talent without gutting the pipeline behind it. David Bednar, Camilo Doval, Fernando Cruz, Ryan Weathers, Ryan Burr, Jose Caballero and Carson Coleman are all already on the block. The full front-office breakdown of who else might move, and who's off the table, runs separately on the Command Center.

“You don't sell the farm for one shiny piece when the roster's still finding its floor — you sell the roster for the farm.”

July Batting (Team Totals)

Player	AVG	SLG	HR	RBI	SB	PA
Austin Wells	.373	.725	5	20	0	59
Ben Rice	.360	.640	2	7	1	28
Jasson Dominguez	.306	.556	1	3	1	41
Jazz Chisholm Jr.	.306	.531	5	15	3	106
Cody Bellinger	.280	.450	4	12	0	108
Ryan McMahon	.250	.341	1	4	0	48
Aaron Judge	.235	.482	6	9	1	106
Jose Caballero	.217	.348	1	2	6	30
Anthony Volpe	.216	.420	5	11	5	97
Spencer Jones	.214	.357	3	7	2	87
Paul Goldschmidt	.203	.348	2	5	0	77
Kyle Higashioka	.182	.273	0	0	0	11
Trent Grisham	.133	.133	0	1	0	17
Marco Luciano	.150	.250	1	4	0	97

July Pitching (Team Totals)

Pitcher	IP	ERA	WHIP	K	W-L	SV
Will Warren	8	1.12	1.00	8	1-0	0
Jakob Junis	9	3.00	0.89	8	0-0	0
Ryan Weathers	16	5.62	1.50	15	1-0	1

Carlos Rodón	6	4.50	1.33	5	0-1	0
Clarke Schmidt	5	5.40	1.40	3	1-0	0
Camilo Doval	8	4.50	2.12	12	0-2	0
Cade Winkes	12	6.00	2.00	15	0-0	0
Carson Coleman	8	5.62	1.25	17	1-1	0
Fernando Cruz	10	5.40	1.10	17	0-0	0
Ryan Burr	5	7.20	2.80	10	0-0	0
Max Fried	30	8.10	1.60	41	0-3	0
Elmer Rodriguez	22	6.95	1.91	18	0-2	0
Cam Schittler	24	8.62	1.88	22	0-5	0
Gerrit Cole	9	15.00	2.33	12	0-2	0
Brent Headrick	4	13.50	3.50	9	0-0	0
David Bednar	5	14.40	3.00	6	1-3	2

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